

Rotherham Learning Disability Partnership Board



Notes of the Meeting Friday 17th January 2014 10.10 to 11.10 am

Voting Members

At the meeting:

Patricia Russell	Councillor – RMBC - Co-Chair
Alison Owen	Regional Forum Representative - Co-Chair
Bryan Adams	People's Representative (left at 11.00 am)
Jan Frost	Housing Services - RMBC
Shona McFarlane	Director of Health and Well Being – RMBC (left at 10.55 am)
Ann McMahan	Carer Representative
Jayne Price	Carer Representative

Who said they could not come to the meeting:

Linda Jarrold	Voluntary Action Rotherham
Robert Parkin	People's Representative
Kate Tufnell	Head of Contracts & Service Improvement - NHS-CCG
John Williams	Learning Disability Service

Who did not come to the meeting:

Brian Wood	Children & Young People's Service - RMBC
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Sorry!

Non-Voting Members

At the meeting:

David Waldie	For Kate Tufnell
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Also:

James	Speakup Student
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Taking the notes of the meeting:

Jo Frear	Learning Disability Service
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Key:

NHS-CCG	NHS Clinical Commissioning Group
RMBC	Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
RAP	Rotherham Advocacy Partnerships
RDaSH	Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust



Alison opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the Partnership Board meeting.

1

Introductions + Apologies



Hello

The meeting started with introductions being made (people said who they were).



Sorry

Jo then read out the people who said they could not come to the meeting (voting members) – see page 1.



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Letter from Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Board

Shona reminded the meeting that Winterbourne View was the hospital for people with learning disabilities where there was lots of abuse. People were supposed to be in for short stay for an assessment but some had been in for over 2 years. They did not have proper care plans and people were not making sure that the service there was delivered in a safe way.

The Government recognised this was not a good situation and they put together a group of people called the Joint Improvement Board, who had asked areas to complete a questionnaire about how they are doing with regard to the Winterbourne issues.



John and Kate did a lot of work on knowing where everyone we support is, how long they have been there, if they are in the right place at the right time. In Rotherham we know everyone we have placed out of district. People placed in our Assessment and Treatment Unit (ATU) are in there for the shortest time possible and no-one is in for longer than a year.



Rotherham completed the questionnaire and sent this in – it was talked about at the Partnership Board. The Joint Improvement Board have written back to us and in Rotherham we are doing okay. This information was sent out with the agenda papers.



Even though we are doing okay we need to keep working to make sure we are supporting people in hospital settings and in the ATU. This means we know what they are experiencing, that they are safe and getting the right care, and that there are plans in place to move people on into independent living if possible.

David told the meeting that we have received another form this week asking for much more detailed information. There are staff working on this at the moment.

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Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Board – Stocktake of Progress – Rotherham Analysis



This is the information talked about at (2) above, which was sent out with the agenda papers. It says that Rotherham is doing OK (compliant) and have met the objectives. We now have a new form with more detail to complete. We will continue to report back to the Partnership Board on a regular basis.

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People's Issues



Alison gave a presentation to the meeting, which included information about:

- Bus passes – people at Speakup said sometimes if they travel to work early they cannot use their bus passes before 9.00 am. People also said they had had bad experiences on the bus – such as drivers setting off too early.



People at the meeting talked about this. They said that people with mobility passes can get on buses before 9.00 am. However, it is pensioners who can't use their bus passes before 9.00 am and they have to pay.

There are also some cards that you can get to use on buses to tell the driver, for example, that you need more time to sit down.



- Alison has joined the National Co-Production Advisory Group (NCAG), which is a group of people who use services or their carers. The group talk about whether the government and other agencies are doing well or not so well.

Shona said that a group of people in the Council are doing some work around a joint health and wellbeing strategy (big plan). As part of this they will be looking at **coproduction**. Shona will ask Sue Wilson to contact Speakup to talk about this and share their experiences.

Coproduction is about people who use services, carers and professionals coming together to make things better for everyone.

5 Carers' Issues



Ann said that self travel training is an ongoing issue for carers. Some carers also don't think that Day Services should be doing the annual reviews and that they should be done by social workers.

Shona explained that the Learning Disability Service had a commitment last year to do 93% of reviews, face to face. However, this year there have been 2 big pieces of work which have taken up a lot of social worker time. There were big safeguarding issues in 2/3 homes and workers had to make sure people were safe, attend Best Interest meetings etc. There is also work on Oak Close and John Street to help people move from registered homes to their own home.

Because of this, we have had to look at other ways to check that people were OK. If there are any changes in care then this will be referred to a social worker.



It was reported that some carers are concerned about confidentiality – that other people may hear Day Service staff talking about people's issues. Shona said that whether the review took place in day services or at home, that information should always be kept confidential.



Action:

5a Shona agreed to feed back to Day Service Managers about carers' concerns, particularly around keeping information confidential. Shona also agreed to check whether carer assessments would be done alongside the day service reviews.



Jayne said that before the meeting, she had been talking about concerns about emergency bed cancellations of respite. It had been explained that there are a lot of cancellations at this time of year because emergency beds are needed, for example, if a carer is taken ill suddenly. Ann had told Jayne about the process that Treefields have, where they send a letter with respite dates which clearly shows if it is their turn for an emergency bed – which means that their respite may be cancelled. Jayne thought this would be a good process for independent providers to follow.



Jayne also told the meeting that parent / carers had an issue about how much planning notice they have to give. She had had to plan out respite from 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015. Ann said that for Council respite this is normally done for the next 4 / 5 months.



Action:

5b Shona said that John will pick these issues up from the minutes. It may be that the independent sector managers could speak to Council managers about how they manage these issues.



Bryan told the meeting about a problem he had had with his respite at Quarryfields. There had been some confusion about his booking.



Action:

5c Shona said that she will ask John to check this out for Bryan.

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Inclusion North Membership

The Co-Chairs at Inclusion North have written to John about being a member of Inclusion North from April 2014. The letter says that most of the Yorkshire & Humber Partnership Board are members and from their feedback Inclusion North have clear direction for future work – such as helping Boards and others to deal with all the structural and policy changes.



The letter also states that Inclusion North are aware that budgets are under a lot of pressure but they can offer considerable benefits. The cost of being a member has not increased and there is a discount to members who sign up for more than one year at a time.



The cost for one year is £11,660, 2 years is £19,822 and for 3 years is £27,984.



The Partnership Board talked about whether or not they would like to become members and there was a vote. It was agreed that the Partnership Board would not become a member.



Action:

6a John is to write back to the Co-Chairs of Inclusion North to let them know about the Partnership Board's decision not to become a member.

7 **Let's Talk Event 2014**



Shona told the Board that we need to do some work on budgets (money). There are some saving proposals that Elected Members are looking at which includes the Learning Disability Service. Shona had told carers 2 years ago that budgets are tight but that she will always talk to carers before making any savings. We have to make sure we use the money we have in the best way.



Shona said she wants to get together with the service, customers, users and carers in different ways to talk about the situation, the challenges for the Learning Disability Service and try to work out if there are any solutions. We will need to look at what we don't have to do, what we have to do, what can be done in a different way.

The Partnership Board talked about the best way to do this and decided that smaller meetings with carers would work better, so that more people get a chance to have their say.

Action:



7a Shona is to talk to Councillor Doyle and Councillor Russell about how to take this forward and suggest the possibility of using Let's Talk events to do this.

Shona left the meeting at this point – 10.55 am.



8 **Notes of the Last Meeting – 25th October 2013**

Jo went through the notes of the last meeting to remind people what had happened. Everyone said that the notes from the meeting were okay. There were no matters arising.

Bryan left the meeting at this point and Jan arrived at the meeting – 11.00 am.

9 Any Other Business

9a Care Quality Commission (CQC) Report – Learning Disability ATU



Jo told the meeting that Sandra has received the feedback report from the CQC's visit to check the Assessment and Treatment Unit. The report says that the ATU is meeting the government standards about quality and safety. CQC will be going back to check the ATU again in the future.



Action:

9a Jo is to send out the CQC report with the minutes of the meeting.



9b Safe In Rotherham (SIR)

Jayne told the meeting that there is a presentation at 12 noon today. The Good Neighbours News have awarded £200 to Rotherham's SIR scheme and someone is coming to handover the cheque. There will be an article in the magazine, which is a monthly charity magazine. Jayne had put forward a nomination for SIR.



Jo said that she is hoping to get a supply of key rings soon. She is going to set up another meeting of the SIR Steering Group.

10 Date and Time of Next Meeting



~~Friday 7th March 2014
@ 10.00 am~~

Please note:
The meeting on 7th March 2014 has been cancelled. The next meeting will therefore take place on:
**Friday 11th April 2014
@ 10.00 am**



Councillor Russell closed the meeting and thanked people for coming.

